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NEW CONSTRUCTION INCREASES POWER SUPPLY;  
CHITA ELECTRIFICATION LAGS

NEW GDS AUGMENTS STALINAPAD SUPPLY -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, Pg 127, 1 Jul 49

The Nizhne-Varsob GES began the generation of electric power 2 months ago. It supplies the largest Stalinabad industrial enterprises, such as the brick plant, the "Traktordetal" Plant, and many others, with power. The medical and pedagogical institutes, Tadzhik State University, all schools in Dushanbinskiy Rayon, and many homes have been provided with electricity from this GES. Many city streets have also been illuminated since the GES began operations.

Construction of the Nizhne-Varzob GES continues. Preliminary operations on the construction of a third waterfall will begin soon.

ODESSA POWER PLANT EXCEEDS PLAN -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 164, 14 Jul 49

The Odessa Electric Power Plant has reached the production level planned for 1950. The plant workers have pledged to fulfill the Five-Year Plan for production of electric power by 5 December 1949.

16,032 RURAL POWER PLANTS IN OPERATION -- Izvestiya, No 166, 16 Jul 49

At the beginning of 1949, there were 16,032 electric power plants in operation in the rural areas of the USSR. A majority of cottages, 5,522 MTBs, and 23,350 kolkhozes were supplied with electricity. In 1948, USSR industry sent 2,600 electric generators, 20,000 electric motors, and a mass of other electrical equipment to rural areas.

CONTINUE ELECTRIFICATION OF MOSCOW OBLAST -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 158,  
16 Jul 49

The 6-month electrification plan for Moscow Oblast has been completed ahead of schedule. Since the beginning of the year, 29 rural power plants have

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been built and 859 kolkhozes provided with electricity. Kholmenskiy, Dmitrovskiy, Klinakiy, and Pushkinskiy rayons have completed the electrification of kolkhozes this year. All kolkhozes in 30 rayons of Moscow Oblast have been provided with electricity. There are now 138 hydroelectric power plants and steam-electric power plants, 18,000 kilometers of high- and low-voltage transmission line, and 3,487 transformer stations in operation in Moscow Oblast. Electricity is provided for 210,000 kolkhoz homes and thousands of cultural institutions.

The following plants have rendered great aid in the electrification of Moscow Oblast: imeni Stalin, "Serp i molot," "Elektrostal'," "Moskabel'," "Isolyator," Dulevskiy Porcelain, Kolonna Heavy Machine-Building Transformer, and Searchlight.

**BELORUSSIA EXPANDING RURAL POWER FACILITIES** -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 140, 16 Jul 49

There are now 333 rural hydroelectric and steam-electric power plants, 1,874 kilometers of high- and low-voltage power lines, and 290 transformer stations in operation in rural Belorussia. More than 50 sovkhoses, 331 kolkhozes, and 176 MTSs are provided with electricity. By the end of this year, 207 hydro-electric and steam-electric power plants will be constructed and put in operation and 876 kolkhozes provided with electricity. Electrification of kolkhozes is proceeding most satisfactorily in Bobruysk, Minsk, and Gomel' oblasts.

**ESTONIA BUILDING NEW GES** -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 169, 20 Jul 49

Construction of the largest rural hydroelectric power plant in the Estonian SSR has begun in Tudulinna Volost', near Rakvere. This plant will supply power to all kolkhozes of Tudulinna Volost', as well as to adjoining volost's. The new power plant is to start operating by 7 November.

**RUSSIA ELECTRIFICATION PROGRESSES IN YAROSLAVL'** -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 151, 6 Jul 49

Plants and factories of the city of Yaroslavl' are assisting in the construction of 19 steam-electric and 43 hydroelectric power plants on kolkhozes. The state electric power network provides power to 130 kolkhozes. Industrial enterprises of Yaroslavl' Oblast have pledged to assist in the electrification of 1,000 kolkhozes this year.

**CHITA RURAL ELECTRIFICATION BEHIND SCHEDULE** -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 125, 28 Jun 49

Rural electrification in Chita Oblast has not yet been sufficiently expanded to meet the need. The interkolkhoz hydroelectric power plant in Uletovskiy Rayon, first such plant in the oblast, is now in its second year of operation. A number of villages have steam-electric power plants, and power lines have been connected to industrial power plants to meet the needs of several kolkhozes. Utilization of water power resources, in particular, is lagging. In 1948, the completely inadequate plan for construction of hydroelectric power plants proposed by the oblast "Sel'elektro" Office was not completed. In 1949, it will be necessary to build six rural hydroelectric power plants, but not one of these projects has been started. Plans for electrification of 58 kolkhozes, of which 23 must build new steam-electric plants, have also been delayed, because the majority of these kolkhozes have not begun necessary preparations.

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The expansion of the electric power network requires a large number of rural electricians. Many rural power plants are closed down because of a lack of trained personnel. The Ministry of Cultural Electrification and Mechanization has been assigned the responsibility for training such personnel, but has not yet begun its duty.

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